

CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

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FROM:	CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM	ISSUE DATE:	MARCH 1999
TO:	CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM SPONSORS		
SUBJECT:	CHILD NUTRITION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998 (PUBLIC LAW 105-336)		

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise sponsors of certain changes within the Child Care Food Program (CCFP) as the result of the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998.

Periodically, the United States Congress approves or reauthorizes the continued operation of the CCFP. With the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998, Congress renewed the CCFP for another four years. As with past reauthorizations, it made program changes, which are summarized below. The effective date of this law is October 1, 1998, unless otherwise designated by item.

After School "At-Risk" Programs

After school programs which meet the criteria listed below may receive reimbursement for meal supplements served to "at-risk" enrolled children between the ages of 12 and 18 years old. "At-risk" after school programs must:

- Be located in a geographical area that is served by a school in which 50 percent or more of the enrolled children are certified as eligible for free or reduced price schools meals;
- Be organized primarily to provide care after school hours and on weekends and holidays during the regular school year;
- Have an educational or enrichment purpose;
- Limit reimbursement to one supplement per child per day; and,
- Serve supplements claimed under this provision to children free of charge. Reimbursement for supplements served is at the free rate.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide additional guidance regarding implementation of after school programs in the coming months, and we will notify you as soon as we receive it.

Benefits for Homeless Children

Public and private nonprofit emergency homeless shelters that meet local or state health and safety standards may now participate in the CCFP and provide meals to the resident children. The children may not be older than 12 years of age. However, migrant children or children with disabilities may be older than 12 years.

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Participating homeless shelters may serve three major meals or two major meals and one supplement per child per day. The reimbursement for the meals served will be made at the free rate. Homeless shelters will be a new component of the CCFP, and USDA will provide administrative guidance in the near future.

Even Start Categorical Eligibility

Preschool children who participate in the Even Start Program are once again categorically or automatically eligible for free meal reimbursement in the CCFP. Categorical eligibility for these children had expired on September 30, 1997.

Rounding of Reimbursement Rates

Effective July 1, 1999, the reimbursement rates for meals and supplements served in centers must be adjusted or rounded to the nearest lower cent. For example, by rounding to the lower cent, the current reimbursement rate for a reduced price breakfast, \$0.7450, would be adjusted to \$0.74. Therefore, reimbursement rates will no longer be stated with fractional components; they will be stated as whole numbers.

Provision of WIC Information

The Department will be required to provide information regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to all family day care homes and child care centers. We also will be required to issue periodic WIC updates to sponsors and ensure that the homes and centers provide the WIC information to the parents of children enrolled in homes and centers.

If you have any questions regarding this Management Bulletin, please contact John Copley, Child Care Food Program Unit Analyst, at (916) 323-6631 or toll free at (800) 952-5609.

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